

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 spanning lines 5-10 presented in the Amendment filed December 23, 2008 and insert the following therefor:

The hydrophilic segment that is saccharide in nature is a natural or synthetic oligosaccharide or polysaccharide, that may or may not be modified, as defined in application WO 02/39979 (as translated in U.S. Published Patent Application No. ~~2004/0028635~~). It is advantageously dextran, where appropriate sulfated, or heparin.

Please delete all of the new paragraphs added in the Amendment filed December 23, 2008 on page 4, line 11.